# Self-Decontaminating Materials & Multifunctional Coatings Workshop



### In Search of the Silver Bullet: The Reactive Solution

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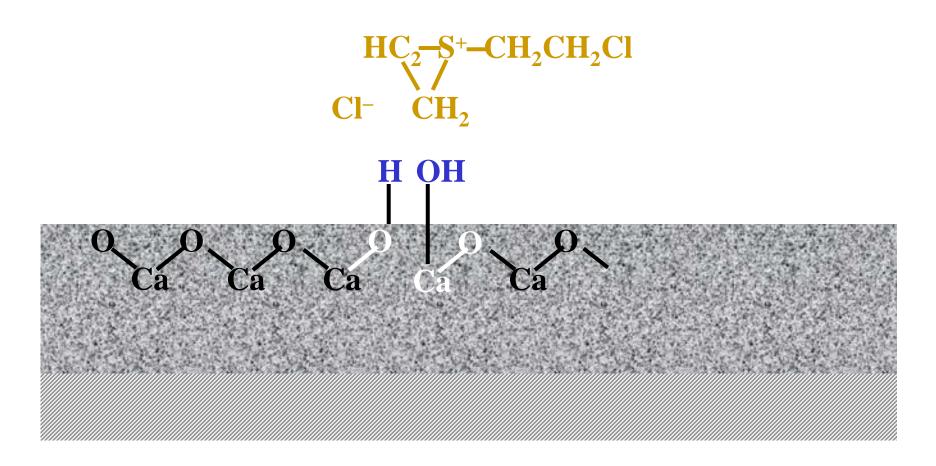
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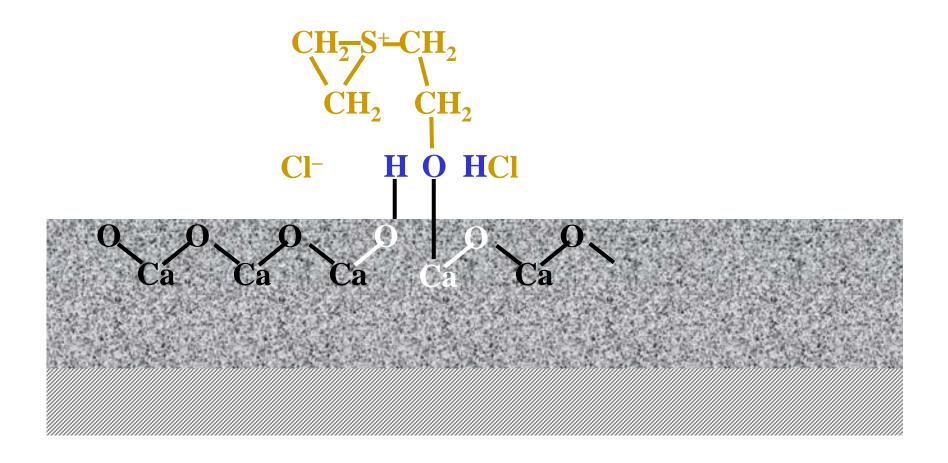
# Self-Decontaminating Materials

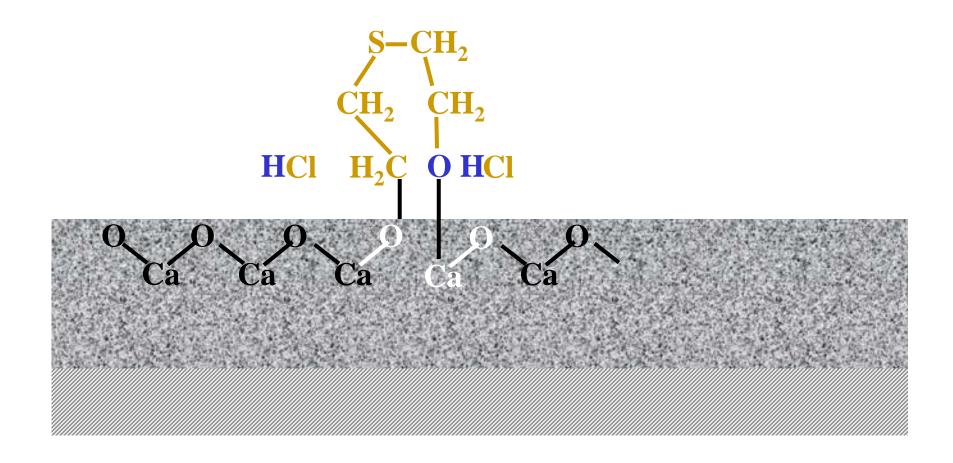
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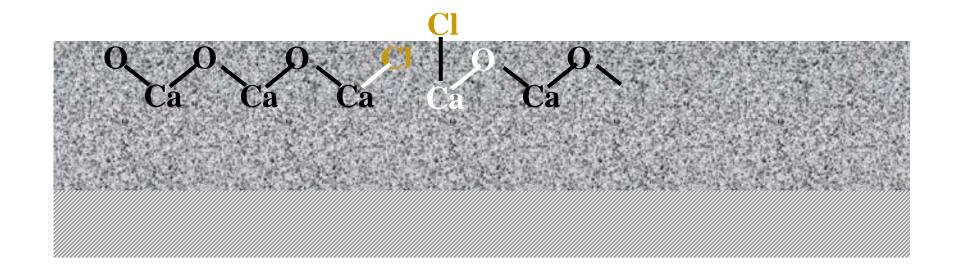
Development of 'upgradeable' coatings and textile treatments that will react to neutralize and/or entrain pathogens, toxic industrial chemicals/materials (TIC/M), radioisotopes, and/or chemical agents on contact.

The property of self-decontamination may reside in one or more components rather than throughout complete systems.





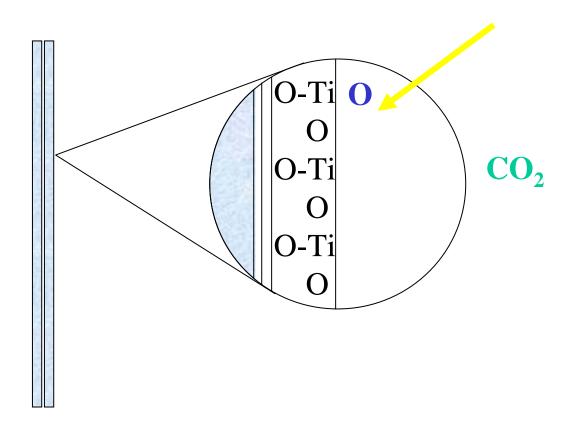




# Commercially Available Self-Decontaminating Material

### PHOTOCATALYTIC (SELF-CLEANING) GLASS:

Layered, composite material. Excludes most infrared.



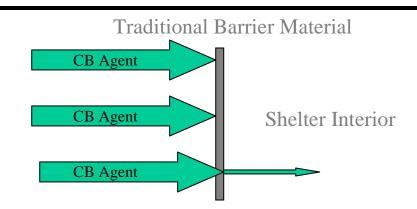
# Technical Approach

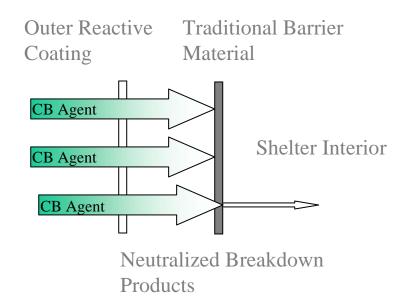
### "Impermeable" Barrier Materials

- •All barrier materials will fail (72 hours for current systems)
- •Hermetic isolation => environmental stress
- •Better barrier materials => to higher costs

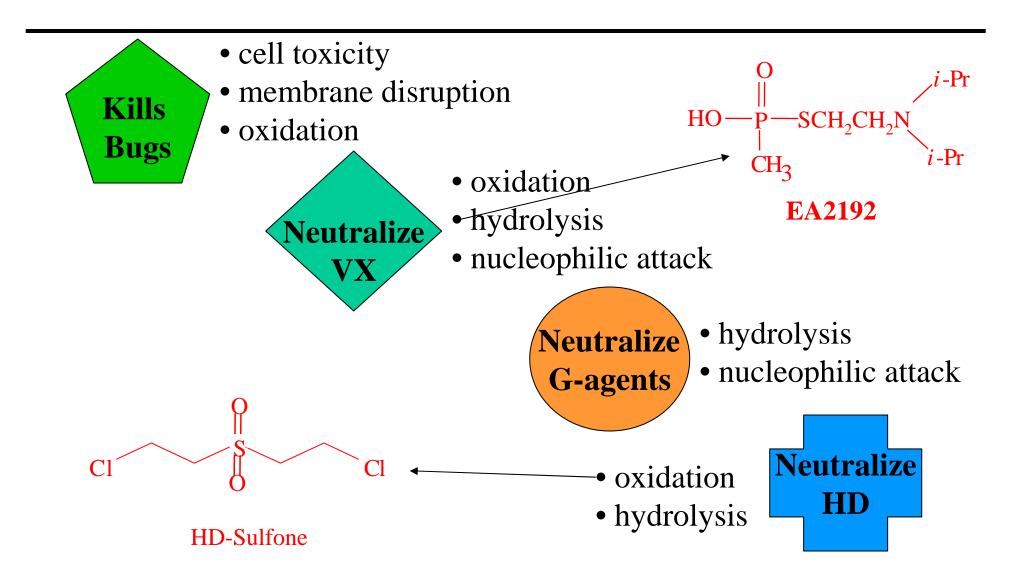
#### Reactive/Barrier Materials

- •Neutralization products as the surface act as prophylactic
- •Only neutralized products permeate through the reactive barrier component
- •Shelter materials can now be made using less expensive barrier materials augmented with a reactive coatings

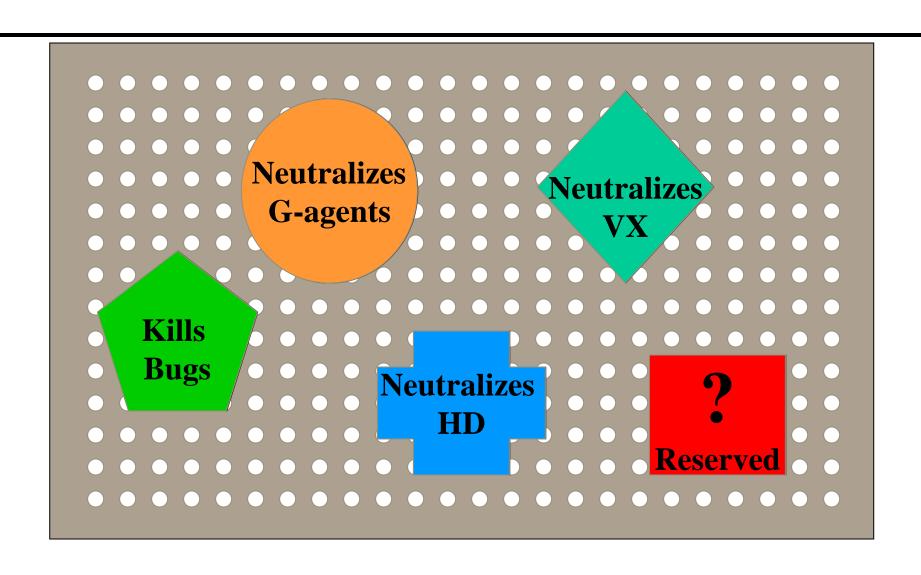




### What We Have



### What We Want



### Reactive Monomer Criteria

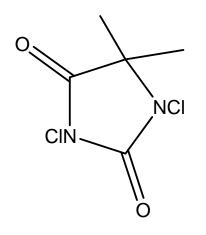
- Active against the things we're worried about
- Neutralization products relatively non-toxic
- Non-specific
- Catalytic or regenerable
- Contain sacrificial attachment functionality
- Mustn't significantly degrade each other or the polymer matrix

### Reactive Monomer Selection

Weak oxidizers within a band of reactivity that targets specific functional groups

# Chloramides

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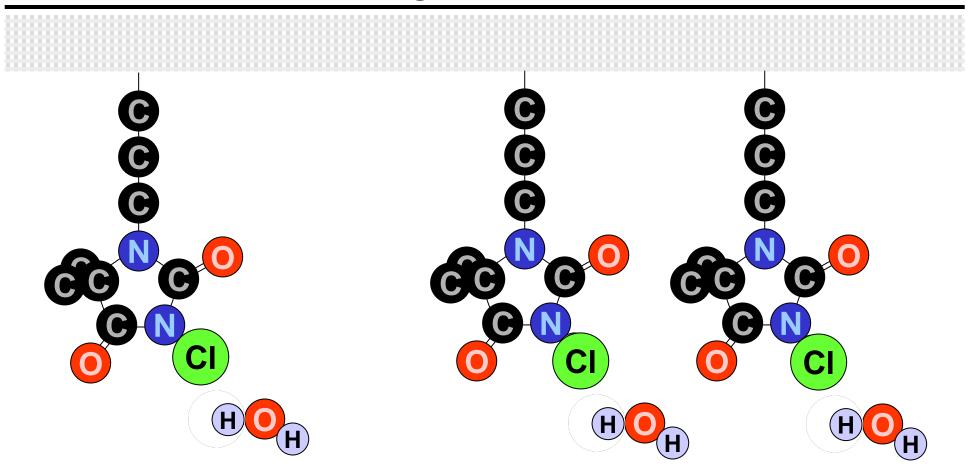


1,3-Dichloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin

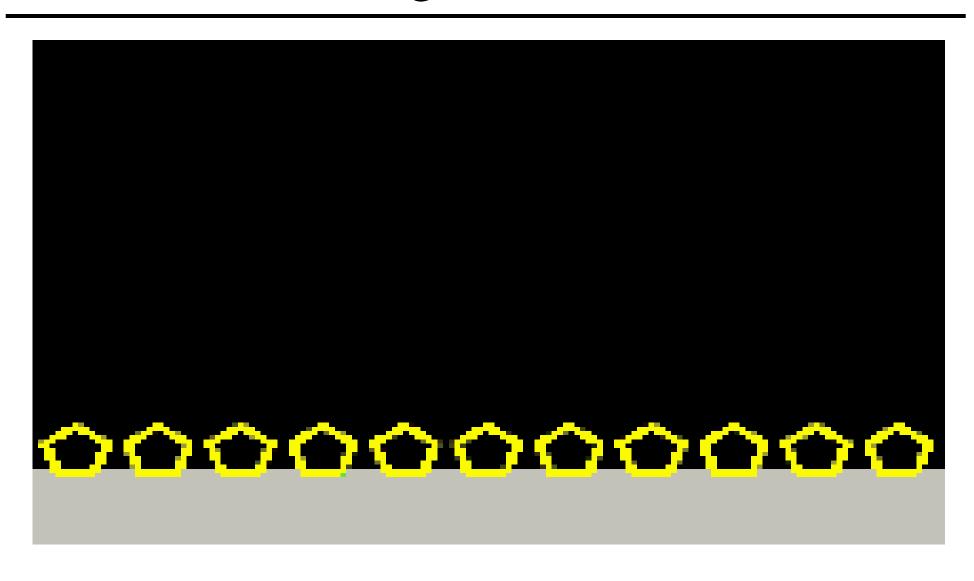
- •CWA decontaminant (DANC, RH-195).
- Antibiotic
  - nonspecific
  - •acts on contact
  - •broad-spectrum
- >N $^-$ Cl[+1]
- Benign

# Chloramides

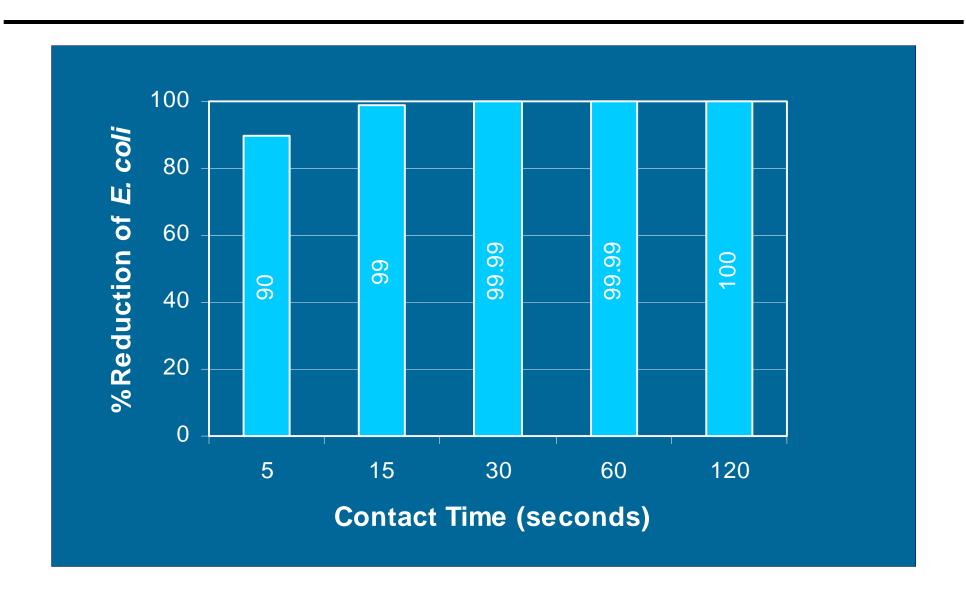
# Chloramides of the World... Regenerate!



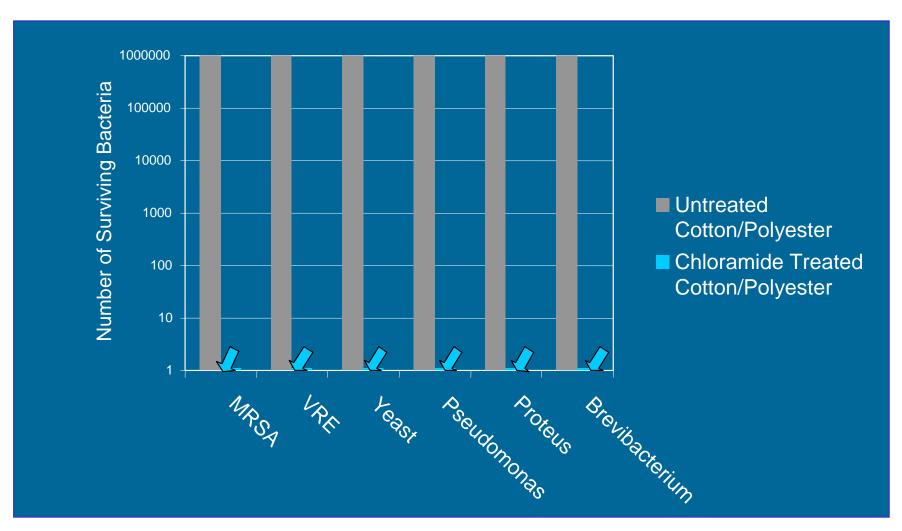
# Chloramides of the World... Regenerate!



# Chloramides Kill Bugs...



# Indiscriminately!



After two minutes exposure

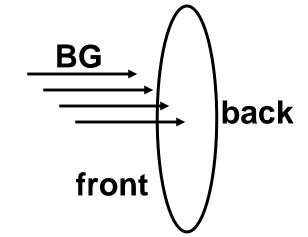
# Including the Ones We Care About

Microorganisms	Disease	
Escherichia coli	Gastroenteritis	
Staphylococcus aureus	Abscesses, wound infection	
Salmonella choleraesuis	Gastroenteritis	
Shigella	Gastroenteritis	
Candida albicans	Yeast, diaper rash	
Brevibacterium	Diaper rash	
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Skin & lung infection	
Tricophyton mentagrophytes	Fungus, Athlete's Foot & Jock Itch	
Vancomyein resist. Enterococcus	Antibiotic resistant bacteria	
Staphylococcus epidermidis	Foot odor	

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### **AEROSOL CHALLENGE TEST**

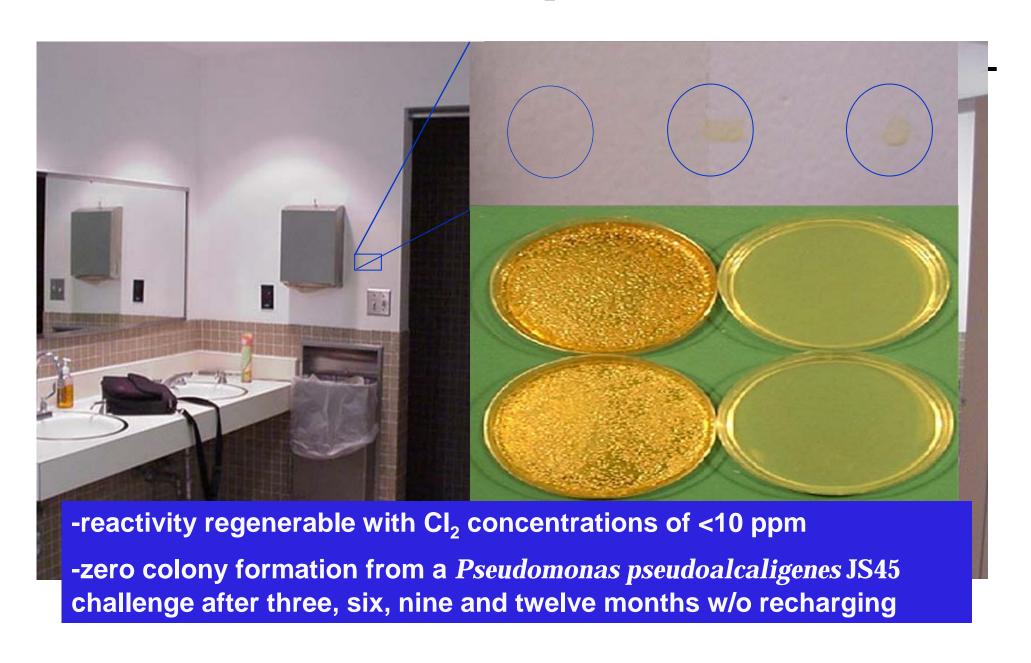
BG Spores, 10 min flow 525-675K Spores, 1 hr Incubation Plate Back Surfaces and Count



### **RESULTS**

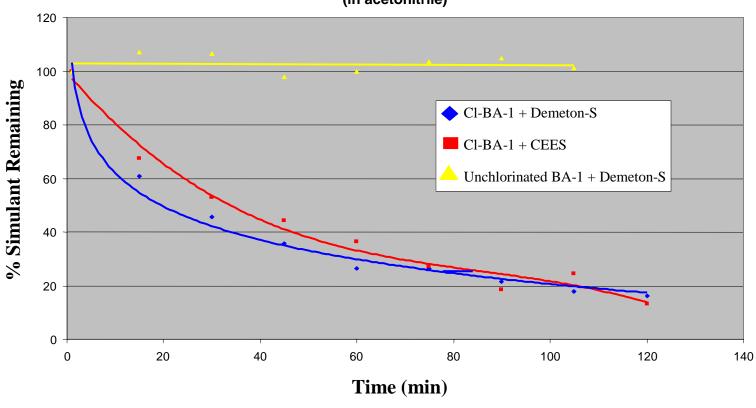
	Penetration	Front	Back
SAMPLE	(%)	(counts)	(counts)
Shell/Espun	3.0	36,000	1,150
Shell/Espun/Chloramine	2.7	29,000	720
Shell/Coated/Chloramine	9.6	1,610	0

## Practical Experiment

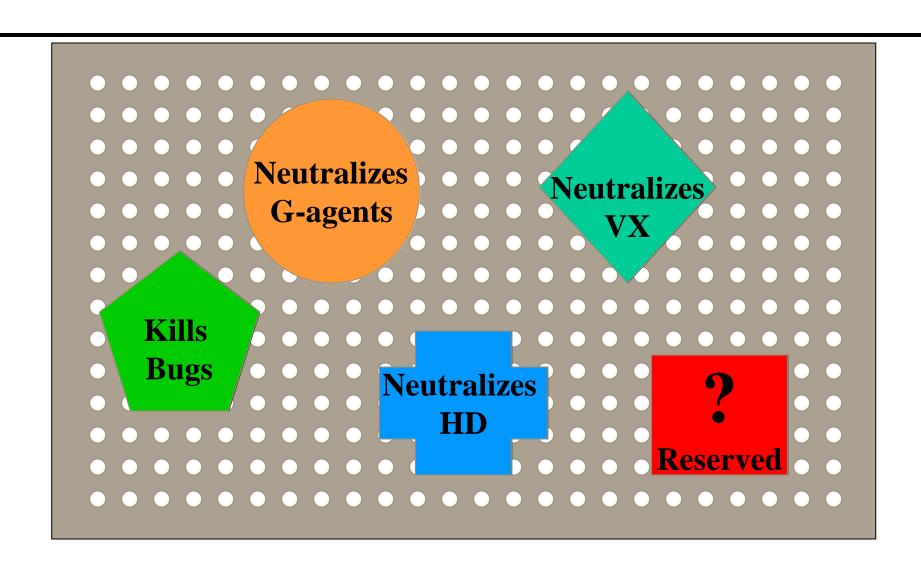


# Chloramide Reactivity to Chemical Agent Simulants

#### Oxidation of Chemical Agent Simulants by Chlorinated BA-1 Fabric (in acetonitrile)



### What We Want



# We're Getting There

HOOC COOH

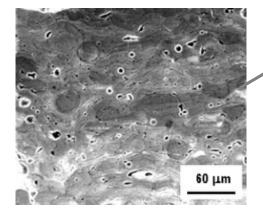
## Reactive Coating Formulation

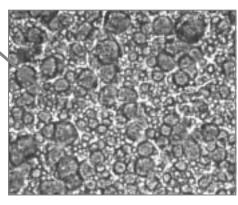
- COTS coatings were evaluated for desirable barrier characteristics, ease of application, cost, and compatibility with reactive monomers
- Waterborne, thermoplastic poly(vinylidine fluoride) coating systems were chosen primarily for its barrier properties and ease of incorporation of the reactive component

• Stable coating emulsions containing reactive nanoparticles were

successfully formulated

Reactive nanoparticle powder bound in breathable fluoropolymer coating.





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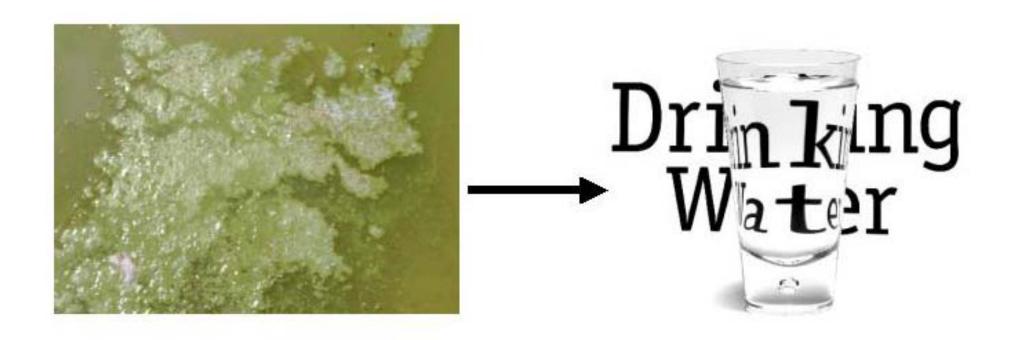
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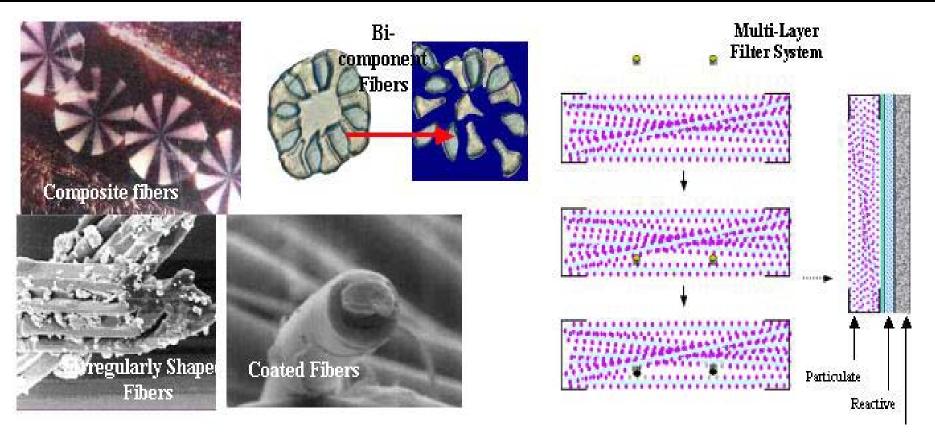




Biocidal coatings for food preparation areas and latrines



Reactive filtration for water purification



Reactive low pressure drop air-filtration media for collective and individual protection







